

**MARCH 6, 2023**

**REGULAR SESSION**

The LaGrange County Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, March 6, 2023, in their meeting room, County Office Building, 114 W. Michigan Street, LaGrange, Indiana, 46761, at 8:30 a.m., with the following present: Commissioners, Mr. Terry A. Martin, Mr. Kevin R. Myers, and Mr. Peter A. Cook; and LaGrange County Auditor, Kathryn Hopper. Mr. Terry Martin, President, called the meeting to order and led in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adopt the proposed agenda with flexibility. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ANTI DISCRIMINATION COORDINATOR**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the current title of Anti-discrimination Coordinator incorporates the Title VI and ADA coordinator roles. The position is currently in the job description of the County Engineer; however, the Human Resources Director is handling these duties. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to adjust the job description of the Human Resources Director to include the Anti-discrimination Coordinator. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE (JDAD) COORDINATOR AGREEMENT**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, presented a Local Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Coordinator Independent Contractor Agreement between the Board of Commissioners of the County of LaGrange and Randy Merrifield. The agreement is effective from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, and is in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**FAWN RIVER CROSSING – SEWER PROJECT**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, explained that the Redevelopment Commission (RDC) met recently and discussed the Fawn River Crossing sewer connection and the redirection of the flow. The RDC had entered into a contract with the LaGrange County Regional Utility District. Additional grant funding was approved in the amount of \$511,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the project. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL ON AGING – TRANSPORTATION GRANT**

Mrs. Cheri Perkins, Council on Aging Executive Director, presented a purchase agreement from the Indiana Department of Transportation for the purchase of two new vans. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the President sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LAGRANGE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN - PROJECT MANAGER**

Mrs. Octavia Yoder, Executive Director of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, was present. She explained that the Comprehensive Plan has been completed. They would like to hire a director or manager to implement the plan. The position would be full time for two years with an option for a third year. They are looking at a salary of \$60,000 a year. The position would be structured by LaGrange County Economic Development Commission. There would be a committee of five who would be responsible for the duties of the individual. The Committee would consist of members of the County Council, County Commissioners, Economic Development Corporation, the Community Foundation, and the County Plan Commission. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to give the position a positive recommendation to the County Council. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – SALE OF VEHICLE**

Mr. Jason Boggs, Building Commissioner, requested permission to sell a 2015 Dodge Ram truck after the new vehicle arrives. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the sale of the vehicle. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY- AGREEMENT WITH TECH SOLUTIONS**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented an Annual Service Agreement with TechSolutions, for security consulting and services. The agreement is for 2023 in the amount of \$22,475. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the President sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY- TOUMA INC.**

Mr. Dave Warren, Information Technology Director, presented an invoice from Touma, Inc. for data base for the buggy plate data, in the amount of \$7,343. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement and authorize the President sign it. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**GOVERNMENT UTILITIES TECHNOLOGY SERVICE, INC – TAX SALE**

Mrs. Connie Brower, County Treasurer, presented an addendum to the contract with Government Utilities Technology (GUTS) for January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve and authorize the president to sign the addendum. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**FIDLAR TECHNOLOGIES, INC. – RECORDING SOFTWARE**

Mrs. Sheila Getz, County Recorder, presented an agreement between Fidlar Technologies, Inc and the Board of Commissioners to have the Recorder's software stored from onsite to offsite with Fidlar Technologies. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MIDWEST PRESORT AGREEMENT – FORM 11**

Mr. Kurt Bachman, County Attorney, informed the Commissioners his office has reviewed the agreement with Midwest Presort for the Form 11's that the County Assessor issues. The estimated cost is \$11,275.97. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept the contract and authorize the President to sign it. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF – SALE OF VEHICLES**

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, explained that he has sold the 2007 Ford Explorer and the 2016 Dodge Charger and is requesting signature on the titles. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to authorize the President to sign the titles. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**SHERIFF – AGREEMENT WITH ERS WIRELESS**

Mr. Tracy Harker, County Sheriff, presented a quote from ERS Wireless for preventative maintenance service to evaluate the VHF Simulcast system, in the amount of \$3,184. This would be paid out of the LIT- Public Safety fund. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the quote. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**AGREEMENTS FOR HORSE-DRAWN VEHICLE LICENSING SERVICES**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented agreements for horse-drawn vehicle licensing services from Clearspring, Eden, Lima, Johnson, Newbury, Springfield, and VanBuren Townships. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the agreements and authorize the President to sign the agreements. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement from Jeff Brill. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to accept and authorize the President to sign. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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**COUNTY ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the 2022 County Annual Financial Report. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the Accounts Payable Vouchers. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve the vouchers. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**FEBRUARY 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Kathryn Hopper, County Auditor, presented the financial statement for the month ending February 28, 2023, in the amount of \$46,376,421.13 and investments of \$21,495,000. Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to accept the report. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular session meetings. Mr. Kevin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**MEMORANDUM**

Mr. Peter Cook made a motion to approve the memorandum for the March 1, 2023, staff meeting. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**LAGRANGE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL**

In February, Ms. Mary Woodworth, President of the LaGrange County Arts, explained that they would be placing a sculpture on the Courthouse lawn. Mr. Peter Cook made a motion approve granting \$10,000 to the Arts Council for the project. Mr. Kevin Myers seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

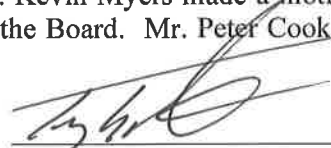
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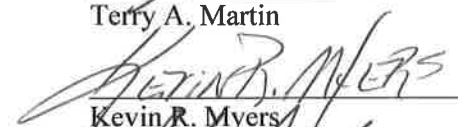
LaGrange County Treasurer – February 2023 report

Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Notice of Approval, DL Miller Woodworking, 5345 N CR 400 W, Shipshewana Indiana, Permit Number 087-46314-00675

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being nothing further to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Kevin Myers made a motion to adjourn and meet on any subsequent day necessary to carry on the business of the Board. Mr. Peter Cook seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

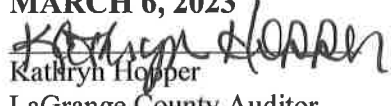
  
Terry A. Martin

  
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ATTEST:

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Kathryn Hopper

LaGrange County Auditor

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